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Man charged over park death

By Eva Astreinidou

A MAN has been charged with the murder of a 41-year-old found in a park.

The body of Jason Williams was discovered in Russell Howard Park in South Ham on Tuesday last week.

David John Brewer, 34, of West Ham Close was charged on Friday and appeared at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on Saturday.

The family of Mr Williams have said he will be 'sadly missed'.

On Thursday last week, his father, Victor Williams, said: "Jason will be sadly missed by his family."

A post-mortem examination confirmed Mr Williams, above, St Peter's Road, South Ham, was killed by a single stab wound to the chest.



Detective Chief Inspector Dave Storey said: "We are working hard to try and find out who is responsible for this serious crime."

"I am appealing for anyone who has any information which may help my investigation, to get in touch."

A 37-year-old man from Basingstoke arrested on suspicion of murder has been released from police custody but remains under investigation.

Call 101 quoting Operation Dance if you have any information.



From left, Vicki Pini, Erica Mudd, Anita Winberg, Nadine O'Neill and Angela Miles, all of whom have been supported by the Victoria's Promise Young Women's Network

Charity ball raises £70k and honours young women

A north Hampshire charity raised a 'record breaking' £70,000 at a gala event to support young women with cancer.

Victoria's Promise, a cancer support charity based in Hook, celebrated its fourth annual ball with more than 250 guests at the De Vere Beaumont Estate in Windsor.

Generous donations from patrons raised a record breaking total allowing the charity to maintain its support for young women and their families in the North Hampshire area.

The Victoria van der Westhuizen Special Honour Award was presented to Sophie Trew for providing an 'outstanding contribution' to the

mission of Victoria's Promise over the past two years.

Co-founder CJ van der Westhuizen said: "Having been through her own cancer diagnosis, Sophie has been a beacon of light to countless women going through their cancer journey." The charity was established by the family of Victoria van der Westhuizen,

who vowed to improve conditions for cancer patients before she died from the disease.

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A budget of reinvestment

By Eva Astreinidou

A NEW budget for Basingstoke and Deane puts people and services 'at the bottom of the priorities'.

Plans to raise council tax by £5 and increase other charges and fees by 3.5 per cent have been approved.

Speaking out against the plans, Lib Dem councillor Gavin James said the borough's residents will only be paying more for less. He said: "Who hasn't done well [out of this]? - people who are struggling to pay the bills facing higher council taxes and increasing fees for using services."

Charges at car parks will be increasing by 3.5 per cent, while there will also be increases in cemetery charges as

part of a four-year programme aimed at reducing the subsidy for the service.

The council hopes to gain an estimated £231,000 in income, which it says will be reinvested into other areas across the borough.

Cllr Robert Tate said: "Paying more for less? I don't think so. The Conservative budget for Basingstoke focuses on investment. Residents pay one of the lowest council tax levels in England while enjoying one of the highest level of spend per head."

As part of the measures, overnight charges at car parks could rise by a pound, starting from 7pm. Five-day and seven-day season tickets will also increase by between 3 per cent and 5 per cent, depending on the car park.

Cllr Simon Bound said: "Our lowest season ticket price for a town car park equates to £2.74 a day. None of our neighbours offer a car park within a similar walking distance to the centre of town for less than £3.50. Someone who needs to buy a season ticket could be at least £270 a year better off."

There are also planned improvements for town centre car parks including lighting, shelters and markings.

Replacing lost or stolen bins will incur a charge of £26, while garden waste collections are proposed to go up from £31.78 to £35 a year for two sacks collected fortnightly.

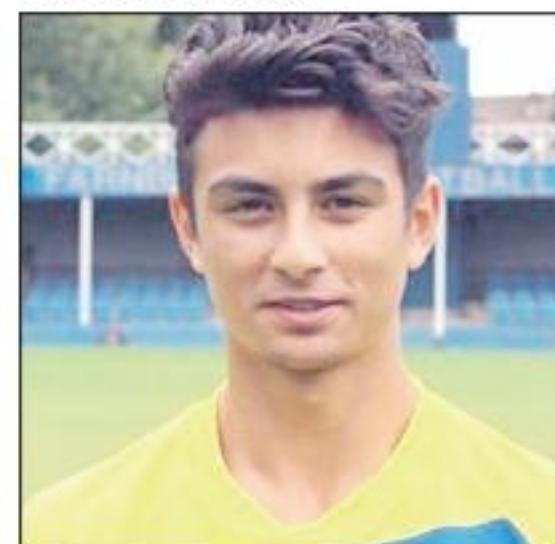
The council say the charges are at the lower end of those made by neighbouring authorities.

Driver admits causing boys' deaths while over the limit

A DRINK driver who was more than two-and-a-half times over the legal limit has admitted to killing a promising young Basingstoke Town footballer and two other teenagers in west London.

Jaynesh Chudasama, 28, had been drinking before losing control of his vehicle and ploughing into the boys while trying to overtake another vehicle, prosecutors told the Old Bailey.

Chudasama, from Hayes, admitted three counts of causing death by dangerous driving.



Man jailed for child sex offences

A MAN who admitted multiple child sex offences has been jailed for 12 years.

Daren Jones, 48, of Silchester Road, Little London, pleaded guilty to 29 counts of sexual offences during a hearing at Winchester Crown Court last month.

The offences include sexual assaults on two boys under the age of 13 that took place in the Tadley and Reading areas between 2015 and 2017.

At the sentencing on Friday, the court heard the offences came to light in December 2017, when they were reported to the police.

Following an investigation by Hampshire Constabulary, officers tracked down Jones to a hotel in Brighton on December 27 where he was arrested.

The court was told Jones had left the United States in 2008 while on



Daren Jones has been jailed for 12 years

bail, having been charged with serious sexual offences against children.

Jones used the name Simon Jones to live "under the radar" until his arrest, the court heard.

Judge Jane Miller sentenced Jones to 12 years in prison, with an extended licence period of five years. He was

also made subject of a sexual harm prevention order until further notice.

After the hearing, investigating officer Detective Constable Sarah Moyce-Phillips, of Hampshire Constabulary's Child Abuse Investigation Team, said: "We hope that today's sentence provides some form of closure to the victims and their families for what has been an extremely difficult time."

"Once the offences came to light, officers worked tirelessly to make sure Jones was arrested and could be brought to court to face justice for what he did."

"We hope that the sentence given today will give confidence to others who have suffered abuse of this nature."

Anyone who has concerns about this case should call police on 101, quoting 44170480287.

Popular Basingstoke Academy player Harry Rice, 17, pictured, was one of three teenagers killed when the car mounted the pavement in Shepiston Lane, Hayes, on January 26.

George Wilkinson and Josh McGuinness, both 16, were also killed as the boys were walking towards the Goals five-a-side football centre in Hayes.

Prosecutor Crispin Aylett QC said: "In the course of overtaking another vehicle, the defendant... lost control of his car. The vehicle struck and fatally injured three boys who were walking along the pavement."

A spokesperson for the club said Harry was known as a "polite, kind and happy student" and would be "sorely missed by everyone at Basingstoke Town FC and SCL".

Chudasama will be sentenced on March 9.

Fire station damaged by vandals and equipment stolen

FIREFIGHTERS are 'disappointed and bemused' after vandals targeted the exterior of Tadley Fire Station.

Damage was caused to the windows and front door of the station in Franklin Avenue, and a crowbar was

reported stolen in the incident which took place last Wednesday between 10pm and 8.30am on Thursday.

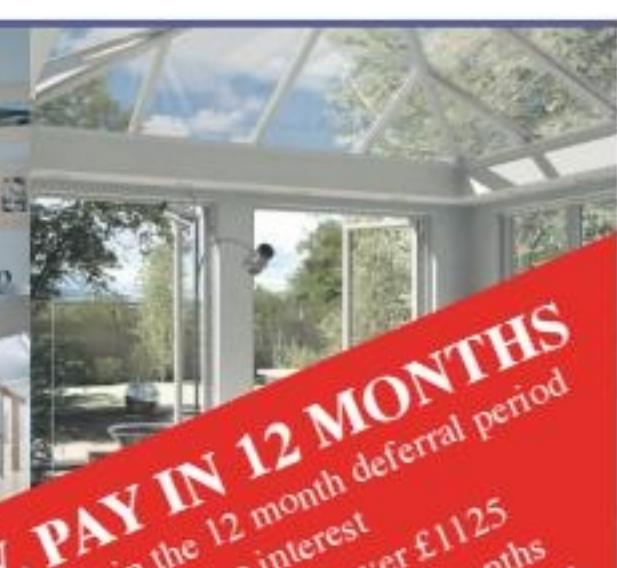
Group manager Ryan Thurman said: "It is extremely disappointing anyone would burgle a fire station.

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Plans for hotel and flats get a mixed reaction

Concerns over infrastructure

By Eva Astreinidou

OPINION is split on whether plans to build an 85-room hotel and 49 flats are needed in Hook.

Residents are divided over whether or not carrying out plans for two new buildings at Bartley Way business park would be a good idea, with some saying the town is being ruined and that its infrastructure is already stretched.

Hook resident Paul Critchley urged that the application which includes a restaurant and bar, be rejected.

He said: "If granted it would place completely unacceptable and unsustainable strain on the local infrastructure. It would also add unsustainable levels of traffic on Bartley Way adding to noise and air quality pollution. Finally, it is completely inappropriate to build a residential block in the middle of a business area."

Karen Underwood said: "Like we need more hotels in this area. Such a shame the way Hook is being ruined - no more the 'village' that we moved in to."

Deborah Cranwell added: "Wouldn't

it make more sense to allocate that industrial estate towards a new secondary school or another doctor's office? The resources in the village are already beyond stretched?"

But some residents are more in favour of the plans, saying it would add to the local economy.

Commenting on Facebook, Daniel Harrison said: "This is on Bartley Way business park so not sure what the big deal is. Better for the local economy than an empty office block."

Sophie Miller added: "Maybe it'll attract a decent restaurant?"

The plans submitted by Hartley Way Developments will feature two new buildings, Block A and Block B, being built in the town.

Block A will be the hotel and Block B will provide the flats, 19 of which will be affordable, as well as office space.

Hart District Council is expected to make a decision on the plans on May 8.

The agent working on behalf of the developer was unable to comment.

To comment on the plans before March 14, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yboglf4fs> and search for application reference 18/00201/FUL.



From left, comedian and host Alan Davies with BCoT's Wendy Hammond, Scott Hayden, Sky Caves and Mark McKenna at the ceremony in London

Technology reaps reward

A BASINGSTOKE college was honoured with a national award at a prestigious black-tie event in London presented by comedian and QI panellist Alan Davies.

More than 800 guests were in attendance at the TES FE Awards 2018 at Grosvenor House Hotel in London to see Basingstoke College of Technology pick up the award.

Judges said they were most impressed with the college's "strategic approach to the use of technology across the curriculum" before awarding the Outstanding use of technology for improving teaching, learning and assessment award.

Principal of BCoT Anthony Bravo

said: "The creation of a dedicated team of student digital leaders has been particularly empowering."

"The development of the BCoT digital website has provided a useful focal point for training and resources."

"It's a real success story as staff who previously had little knowledge about the use of technologies are now training other staff and showcasing how they use technology to enhance their own teaching and learning."

He added that the college was open to sharing its expertise and "looking forward to welcoming anyone interested to our Advancing and Exploring Technology in Skills event" on March 14.

Cash to help improve school GCSE results

NEARLY half a million has been given to help Basingstoke's secondary schools improve their GCSE results.

Hampshire county council's bid for cash from the Department of Education's strategic improvement fund was approved last week.

MP Maria Miller welcomed the announcement, saying that the £450,000 will add to the fantastic work already being carried out in the area.

She said: "It is great news to

hear about this important Government investment, which will help with the ongoing work to raise standards across our secondary schools.

"There is already some fantastic work under way and this funding boost will give added impetus to these efforts.

"I will keep in close touch with the education authority and our schools to hear more about their plans for this investment."

It is hoped the funding will be

used to build on improvements already under way in Basingstoke schools, including in leadership and governance, as well as in teaching, particularly in English, mathematics and the sciences.

Mrs Miller added: "For me, the priority is always to ensure that all children in Basingstoke get the high standard of education they deserve."

"I am delighted by this very welcome cash injection in helping to achieve that."

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Mugged of £800

MUGGERS wearing balaclavas robbed a 68-year-old man on Saturday stealing his wallet containing £800.

The victim was parking his car just after 9.30pm in Sycamore Way, Basingstoke, when the two men whom he did not know approached him.

The two are described as around 6ft tall and of heavy build.

Witnesses or anyone who may have found a black leather wallet in the area should call 101 quoting reference 44180073747.

CarFest on sale

THE final ticket release for the popular CarFest South will be next month ahead of the event in August.

Acts announced so far to play at Laverstoke Park Farm are The Feeling, The Proclaimers, Peter Kay (DJ set danceathon), Status Quo, Jools Holland, Billington & Quinn, The Lionel, Who's Molly, Texas, Alfie Boe and Michael Ball.

Ricky Wilson from the Kaiser Chiefs will be putting together a 'pizza' band with The Feeling, Gary Kemp from Spandau Ballet, Sophie Ellis Bextor and Beverly Knight.

More acts are still to be announced.

The event will feature supercars, ranging from historic F1 and German vintage cars to driverless cars, LED cars and Hoverboard racing.

There will also be a soapbox carting event.

CarFest has raised £10.5m since 2012 for BBC Children in Need.

For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y9l22h3y>.

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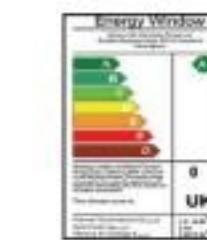
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Budget criticised for having no new ideas

Leader: Help will target those who need it

By Eva Astreinidou

PLANS to balance the budget in Hampshire will just mean 'repackaging' problems, according to councillors.

Many claim the plans which were approved at last week's budget meeting and include saving under threat services and increasing council tax by nearly six per cent, are merely a 'temporary reprieve'.

Services including household waste recycling centres, school crossing patrols and community transport schemes were facing the axe as part of plans to save £140million by April 2019.

Voting against the budget, Liberal Democrat councillor for Eastleigh, Keith House said: "I have repeatedly asked whether someone can assure me that

tips will not be closed. The real answer is no, and the government has only given a temporary reprieve and will no doubt re-introduce the proposals next time around.

"There are no new ideas in this budget, just managing decline to the inevitable end of offering just the minimum, statutory requirements."

Council tax will increase by £67.86 a year for the average band D home – three per cent of which will then be pumped back into the county's adult social care budget.

But Labour councillor for Basingstoke Central Michael Westbrook also criticised the plans, saying: "I hope the councillors don't take credit for preserving these services. After all, it's the residents of Hampshire themselves who are injecting funding

back into those services."

Before the meeting, Cllr Westbrook urged the council to offer assurances on whether subsidy cuts to bus services will eventually be carried out, and criticised the council for its lack of action on potholes.

Council leader Roy Perry said that despite the increase in council tax, the county's precept was still likely to be one of the lowest in the country.

He had previously put forward proposals including a charge for older people's bus passes and a £1 charge for visiting tips.

He added: "We will not do it this year but we have time to work out what might be the solution in the future.

"Our position is plan ahead, live within our means, and target help to those that most need it."



Big man with a big heart remembered

HUNDREDS of people lined the streets of Odiham to say goodbye to a 'legend' of a firefighter.

The funeral for watch manager Mick Paull, 65, a firefighter at Odiham for nearly 45 years, took place on Thursday, with family, friends and members of the community remembering him at a service at All Saints Church.

Mr Paull passed away on January 20. He had been in a critical condition since sustaining a

severe head injury in an accident while off-duty four days earlier.

In a tribute, Odiham fire station said: "Mick had huge pride in the station, always going the extra mile to make sure that the uniforms, station and appliances are clean and polished. His old fashioned values are something we can all admire and learn from.

"In addition to running the fire station, Mick has been instrumental in organising the Odiham Fire

Show, raising thousands of pounds for the Firefighters Charity and Hampshire Air Ambulance.

"Mick will be remembered on the drill yard as a big man with a big heart who upheld the finest traditions of the fire service.

"Everything he did was for his family and the community of Odiham.

"The thoughts of everyone in the service are with Mick's family, friends and colleagues."

InBrief

Minibus death

A 36-year-old man was killed when his minibus collided with a lorry on the A34.

A 19-year-old man from Durham has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving after the incident which happened at around 4.40am on Monday.

Two other passengers were treated for minor injuries and a fourth was taken to Southampton General with serious injuries.

Witnesses should call 101 quoting 44180075034.

4G in town

BASINGSTOKE is the latest town to join the 4G network after upgrades took place in the town

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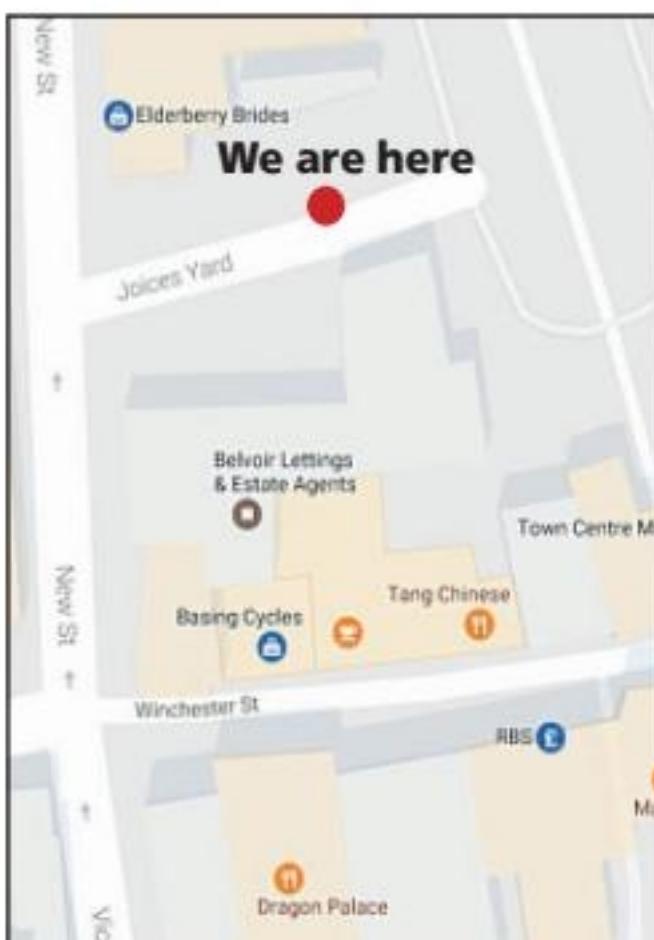
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Dad's challenge to help his son

By Eva Astreinidou

A MAN determined to raise money for a cause close to his heart will take on a 24-hour treadmill challenge as part of a massive 12-month campaign.

Steve Edney has so far raised £10,000 for charity Brittle Bones and is hoping to double that by June to help improve the quality of life of children affected by a rare condition.

This month, he and some friends will take to the treadmill to clock up 250km, or the equivalent of Basingstoke to Manchester, over a 24-hour period starting on Friday next week.

The appeal is especially significant for Steve after his five-year-old son Max was diagnosed with Osteogenesis Imperfecta and has since broken 14 bones.

Now, Steve is doing his bit to raise awareness and funds for vital research.

He said Max, who was diagnosed with a mild form of the condition when

he turned one, has suffered fractures to his spine, ribs and broken both legs twice.

But he said other children suffering with the condition break more than 250 bones by the time they are teenagers.

Steve said: "There is no cure for this condition, but we can raise awareness and funds to help the quality of life of children and adults through electronic wheelchairs so they can be included in life. Research is also progressive and stem cell is at a pioneering stage which could make a difference to babies going forward."

For the challenge next Friday, the group will be at Asda from 3pm to 10pm and will then cover part of the challenge next door at Fitness Flex gym up until 7am, before returning to the supermarket to complete the challenge at 3pm.

As a member of the scout association, Steve has only just finished putting on a successful Basingstoke Gang Show while also working full-time as



Steve Edney is raising funds for Brittle Bones to help his son Max who suffers from Osteogenesis Imperfecta

the co-owner of a global learning and development organisation.

But if that wasn't enough, he is now more than halfway through his fundraising campaign that started in June 2017.

Since then, he has completed one event per month, culminating in the Three Peaks challenge in June.

To follow his fundraising journey or to donate, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/steven-edney

Crowbar-wielding thieves sought after series of raids

THIEVES assaulted people with crowbars and stole drives with vital CCTV evidence in a spate of burglaries.

Police are investigating four separate incidents that took place between February 16 and 19.

Officers are linking the burglaries, which took place across Hampshire, including Basingstoke.

On February 19, a man saw three men trying to break into the Sains-

bury's petrol station shop on Wallop Drive, Hatch Warren at 2am.

The man went over to intervene but the men turned on him, stole his mobile phone and assaulted him with a crow bar. The shop was not broken into.

At 3.40am, three men were reported to have raided the Asda petrol station kiosk on Maynard Road in Totton. Armed with crowbars again, they

threatened staff and stole cigarettes.

Then, shortly before 6am staff were opening up the Co-op on Nursling Street, Nursling when four men who had their faces covered entered the store and threatened staff with crowbars. No-one was hurt, but the men left with around £5,000 in cash and £12,000 worth of cigarettes.

On February 16, three men were reported to have forced entry into the

service shop at Stoney Cross services on the westbound A31 at 4.25am and stole cash.

Staff were threatened and one was assaulted with a crowbar. He received treatment for a head wound at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

The CCTV hard drives from the service shop at Stoney Cross and the Co-op in Nursling were also stolen.

If you have any information, call 101.

InBrief

Join in Big Toddle

NURSERIES, play groups and parents can get involved in a fancy dress event with a difference.

Children's charity Barnardo's holds an annual sponsored walk and is inviting people in Basingstoke to get involved in this year's Big Toddle week running from June 18 to 24.

Money raised at the 2018 toddle events across Basingstoke will be used to support vulnerable children.

To sign up, visit www.bigtoddle.co.uk

Enjoy a pint or two

A POPULAR lager festival will return next month.

Visitors to the Hatch Warren Community Centre will be able to sample a variety of lagers from around the world on April 28.

There will also be wine and prosecco available, as well as live music from Dirty Rotters. Hot food will also be available.

To book tickets, visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hwea>

Spring clean time

HARTLEY Wintney will be undergoing a spring clean on Saturday and residents are asked to join in.

The two-hour event will kick off at Victoria Hall on West Green Road from 10am. All litter picking equipment will be provided.

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Air views on changes to school transport

By Eva Astreinidou

THERE is still time to have your say on plans to change transport provision for children and college students.

Around £30million is spent providing Home to School and post-16 transport for thousands of schoolchildren and students in Hampshire but this could change under new proposals.

There are 12 days left in which people can give their views on possible reductions to the service.

If agreed, the changes could become effective from September 1.

Hampshire County Council says some of the services, which are currently used by 15,000 students,

are operated at its discretion and go 'above and beyond' what is legally required.

Councillor Keith Mans, executive lead member for children's services, said: "With the reductions in central Government funding, the county council has had to look very closely at how all of its services operate."

"We would like to know what people think about some proposed changes, that will bring our services into line with other authorities which now offer only that which is specified in legislation."

A spokesperson added that this applies to fewer than 1,000 young people who the county council has supported through local policy that goes beyond the statutory

minimum.

The county council is required by law to transport all children of compulsory school age, meaning after the child's fifth birthday, who meet the nationally set distance criteria, who have special educational needs or disabilities, or whose route to school is an 'unsafe walking route'.

One of the changes could mean that children with special educational needs who are in nursery will no longer be eligible as they are not 'of compulsory school age'.

Following the consultation deadline this month, a report on the feedback will be prepared for consideration in May.

To have your say, visit www.hants.gov.uk/consultations.



LEGO beasts loose on the streets

THIRTY mythical and magical beasts have been let loose on the streets of Basingstoke.

A new LEGO adventure has opened at Milestones Museum, inviting children to see the creations that range from a six-headed hydra to Pegasus the winged horse.

Visitors young and old are challenged to track down the escaped beasts and recapture them, with the help of the wise owl of Athena and the Mythical Beasts at Milestones app. Once they have tracked them all down, they can then return them and save the day.

All of the LEGO creatures have been built by professional LEGO building company, Bright Bricks.

Building the models has taken hundreds of hours and more than one million LEGO bricks.

Six builders took 122 hours to complete the six-headed Hydra, using 177,000 bricks, while Vlad-digor the Chimera, a fire-breathing monster with a goat's body, lion's head and serpent's tail, took 117 hours and 135,210 bricks to build.

LEGO fans can also take part in big build weekends on March 3 and 10 and get involved in constructing a giant LEGO Greek temple.

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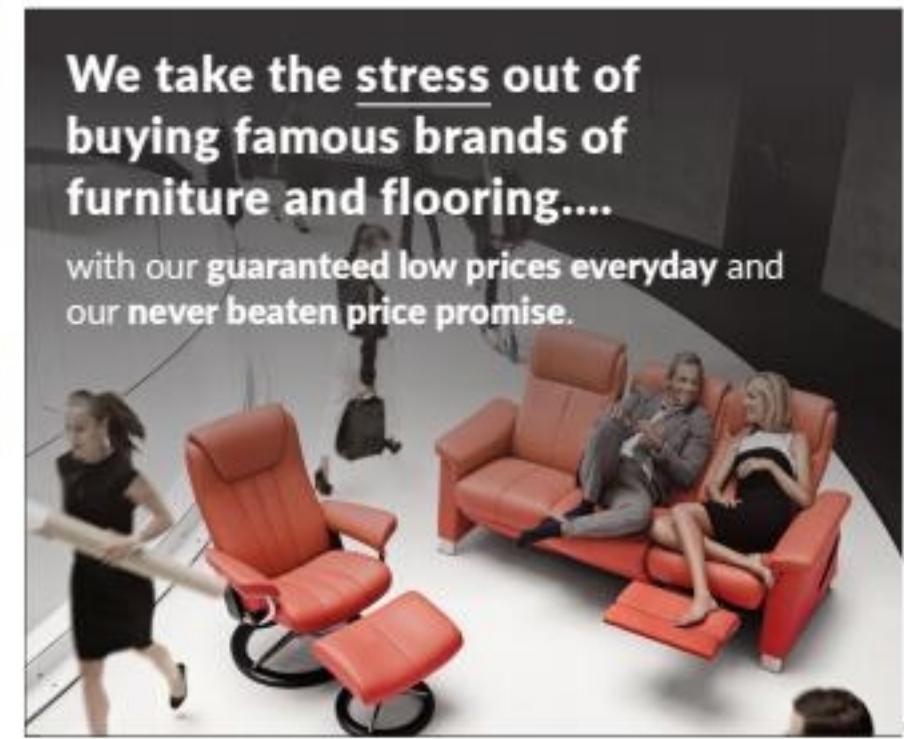
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Xtrem way to raise funds

A MAN who had nearly half of his tongue removed after he was diagnosed with cancer is out to help raise funds for a charity close to home to help others.

Nick Anderson is keen to spread the word about Ark Cancer Centre Charity and nominated the charity as one of the potential beneficiaries of a three-day event from March 9 to 11.

The father of three is hoping to raise awareness and as much cash as possible at The Welsh Xtrem, a three-day 4x4 challenge event.

Nick's gruelling personal journey started at the end of 2016. The 48-year-old said: "This all started when I thought I had bitten my tongue very badly. It transpired that I had tongue cancer, which was a huge shock."

"I had to undergo surgery, which

involved the removal of 45 per cent of my tongue, and I had reconstructive surgery. It was a 10-and-a-half hour operation.

"I am just glad to have survived what I have gone through."

The road to recovery involved 30 sessions of radiotherapy, which meant Nick, from Sherborne St John, making regular trips to Guildford for his treatment.

Now, Nick wants to do whatever he can to raise awareness of Ark's campaign to raise £5million towards a much-needed cancer treatment centre closer to home, in Basingstoke.

Having found a new lease of life, he said: "I am grateful for every day, and I am determined to make the most of every day."



Nick Anderson with Mark Jones, director of fundraising and communications at Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

Picture: Sarah Gaunt Photography

Get your hands on experiments at science week

A CELEBRATION of science, time travel, engineering and maths will be hosted in Basingstoke.

Events including science days will be held at Basingstoke Discovery Centre as part of British science week which runs from March 9-18.

For children, Science Days will take place on March 10 and 17, where Miniprofessors will host a variety of hands-on experiments for young scientists aged two to four years old.

All children will be invited to try their hands at crafts and activities involving balloons, colour wheels, yoghurt pots and jellyfish.

All children's science activities are free to try. There is no need to book – just drop in from 10am.

For adults, there will be a science evening on March 14, which will include a talk from Doctor Who writer Simon Guerrier and astronomer Dr Marek Kukula.

The two have teamed up to explore the scientific secrets of Doctor Who.

Visitors for the evening session can also enjoy talks on telescopes, gravitational waves and cosplay.

Finally, members of the Basingstoke Cosplay Collective will explore a range of different techniques and materials to inspire you to make your own costumes.

To book tickets, visit www.hants.gov.uk/shop

Improving lives of MND sufferers

By Eva Astreinidou

COUNCILS needs do their bit to help improve the lives of those affected by a devastating and debilitating disease.

That is the message behind a campaign led by Basingstoke and Deane councillor Kerri Carruthers, who wants to see people with motor neurone disease getting the help they need.

Thanks to the campaign, the council have now officially signed up to the MND charter, to ensure that council services are adapted to aid sufferers.

Speaking about the initiative, Cllr Carruthers said: "What is striking

with MND is how very fast it can progress. Very often by the time people are diagnosed they are already suffering greatly from debilitating symptoms. Unfortunately 30 per cent of people who are diagnosed with MND die within one year, and 50 per cent die within two years.

"There isn't a cure for this condition but there are things that can be done.

"If we can educate council staff about MND so as to avoid delay in services to those affected, then that may go some small way towards improving their lives at a very difficult time."

Among the services which could be

altered or adapted to help people with MND are looking at the way in which housing benefit is allocated depending on whether a relative has to give up their job to look after someone affected by the disease.

She said council tax reductions, assisted waste collections, and assistance with electoral registration could also be considered.

She added: "[The] charter aims to make sure everyone understands and respects the rights of people with MND and their carers so they are given the very best opportunity to access the support they need to live the highest quality

of life possible and dignity in death."

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Hannah Golding said: "By adopting the charter, it means that any resident affected by MND can be assured that our officers will ensure any queries are dealt with quickly and sensitively.

"Our benefits team will be able to liaise closely with our JobCentre about applications for disability payments and any other benefits people with MND may be entitled to and support them every step through the process."

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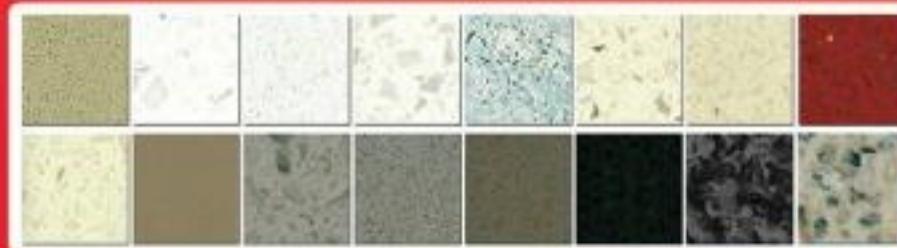
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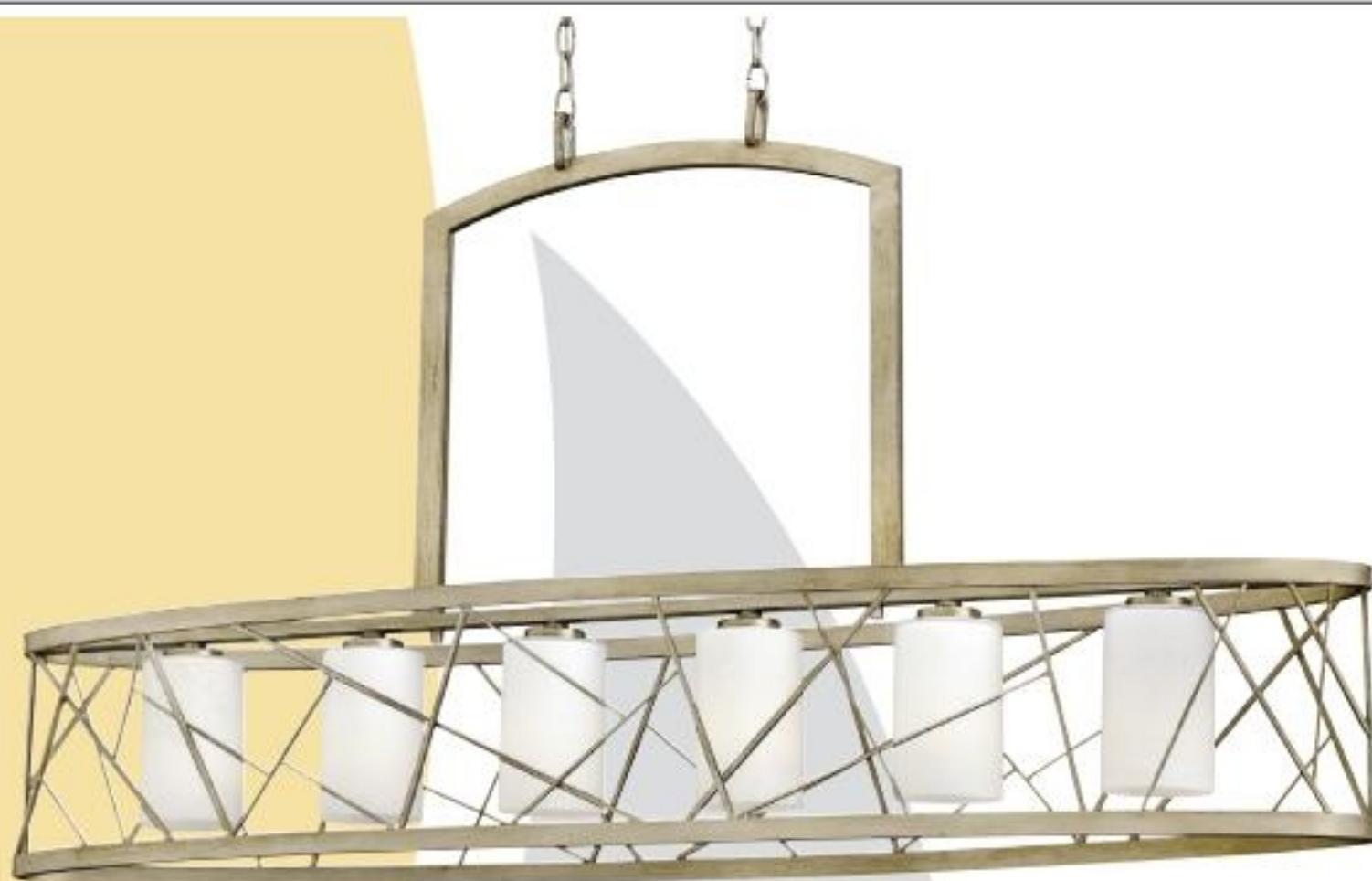
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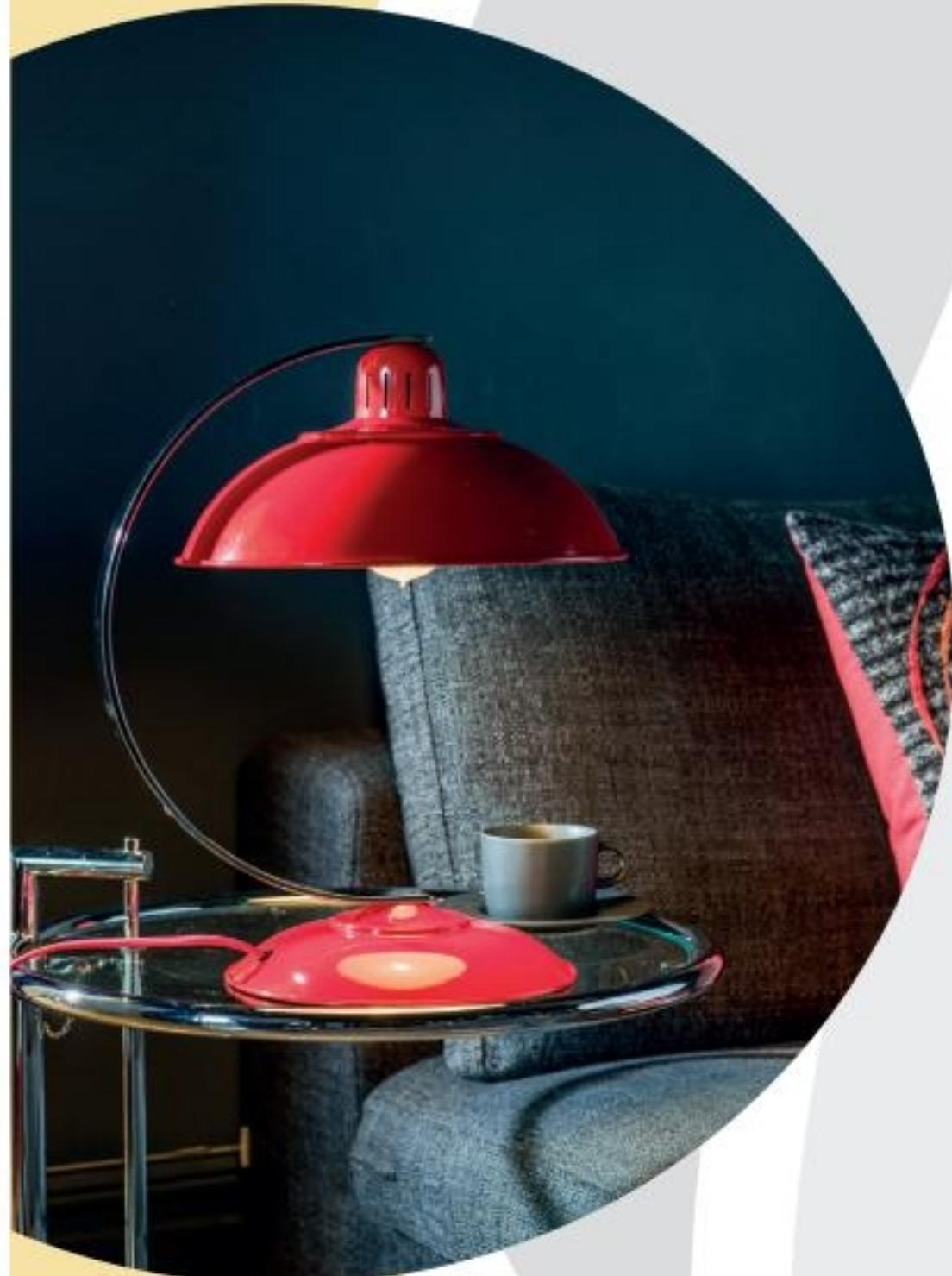
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Demand from tenants increased in the three months leading up to January, raising the likelihood of rents heading up in the coming months.

New figures from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors show tenant demand edged up in last quarter of 2017, further widening the gulf between supply and demand that already exists.

Michael Cook, Lettings Managing Director at Romans, says: "The rental market is growing from strength to strength so it is no surprise to learn the number of tenants looking for a property increased once again in the three months leading up to January. We expect this trend to continue throughout the rest of 2018, making it a great time for landlords to make their properties available.

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cant interest from tenants and, in the vast majority of cases, numerous applications to rent it.

"With demand so high, the obvious next step will be a rise in rents, which will only serve to improve the prospects for landlords in the sector by allowing them to enjoy an even greater return on investment."

RICS predicts rents are set to remain relatively stable in the south-east in the coming months, but increases will be seen in all other areas of the UK.

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Ed's out to spoil us with his show

By Josh Cox

COMPARING Brexit to not touching an electric fence may not seem immediately obvious but wait until you hear Ed Byrne's thoughts on the two.

The comedian will be sharing his views on all this and more when he comes to The Anvil next week.

He will be continuing the second leg of his biggest ever tour to date with his sell-out Edinburgh Fringe show *Spoiler Alert*.

Ed explores the thin line between righteous complaining and brat-like whining and asks, 'are we right to be fed up, or are we spoiled?' Byrne takes this question, turns it upside down and shakes it until the funny falls out.

Recognised as one of the finest observational comedians in the industry, Ed's television credits are countless and include *Mock The Week*, *Have I Got News For You*, *The Graham Norton Show*, *Live At The Apollo*, *The One Show*, *Comic Relief Bake Off 2015*, *The World's Most Dangerous*

Roads and, most recently, he and Dara O'Briain filmed the follow up to their *Big Adventure* show for BBC2 entitled *Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay*.

As well as stories about his two young sons, Ed weaves in routines about running out of petrol in the most awkward place imaginable, helping rescue an injured man in the Cairngorms, and the nation-dividing campaign result of the EU referendum... His way of tackling Brexit is to draw an analogy with the time his son was determined to touch an electric fence with his dad trying to warn him of the dangers.

The Sunday Times described his act as "a masterful display of the comic art... This is a seamless and perfectly timed show that could stand proudly next to any Lizard, Bailey, Carr or Skinner stadium-filler".

Tickets for the show on March 10 at 8pm are priced at £26.

For more information on the show or to book tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit the website anvilarts.org.uk.



On stage

Feeling blue?

Expect to hear a night of rock and blues as Blue Hayz take to the stage at The Kestrel in Basingstoke on Saturday.

The band have been playing together since 2010 and cover artists such as Red Hot Chilli Peppers, The Killers, Radiohead and more.

Swing into ska

From swing to ska, singer Chris Baker will be performing at The Bolton Arms in Old Basing on Saturday next week from 9pm till late.

Well-known for covering artists from the 70s, 80s and 90s such as The Jam, George Michael, Robbie Williams and Spandau Ballet, Chris is a highly skilled and versatile singer.

Forging folk music

Folk singer-songwriter Kathryn Williams is heading to The Forge on Wednesday to perform songs from her latest album *Songs from the Novel Greatest Hits*.

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Sharing music through anecdotes

By Josh Cox

SHARING their joint experiences through music have brought about a trio's latest album.

The Matthew Read Trio formed in 2015 and features Matthew Read on double bass, Benedict Wood on guitar and Arthur Newell on drums. The trio draw their influences from a multitude of styles including jazz, folk, country, hip hop, dance, spiritual and both European and American church music. Together they create an exciting soundscape of melody driven music.

Their recent album release *Anecdotes, Vol. 2* follows on from the trio's debut release *Anecdotes* in 2016.

Read said: "I decided to write music for the trio that told stories. I felt early on that this band was one that would respond well to slightly more left field forms of inspiration than other bands I have played in".

Moving on to their latest album, Read continued: "What's nice about *Anecdotes, Vol. 2* is that, while the first album was telling my story, the new one is telling our collective story.

"We've spent so much time rehearsing, playing, travelling and generally hanging out together, that the new tunes are based on our joint



From left, Matthew Read, Benedict Wood and Arthur Newell

experiences."

Anecdotes, Vol 2 features 11 original compositions based on the group's experiences including K, an imagining of the music that might be played if Kendrick Lamar and Kurt Rosenwinkel were to play together;

Burke & Hare is a pretty melody with a contrasting, darker harmonic undercurrent that reflects its subject matter including 19th century serial killers; and Revolutions, a piece that laments the loss of interest in physical media formats.

Tickets to see The Matthew Read Trio on March 8 are £12, including a £2 booking fee. There is a discount available for under 16s and students.

For more information or tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

On stage

Don't be blues...

Around 20 albums and thousands of gigs later, The Blues Band are still touring and will be gigging at The Haymarket next Thursday at 7.30pm.

Comprised of music veterans Paul Jones, Dave Kelly, Tom McGuinness, Rob Townsend and Gary Fletcher the group have been playing together for more than 35 years.

Tickets are £23.

No smoke without fire

The Wheatsheaf in Alton will play host to local band Smoke N' Fire on Saturday next week at 9pm.

Formed in 2011, the five-piece band are based between Basingstoke and Reading and cover a range of artists playing blues, rock and pop.

Carracking night

Singer, songwriter and former front-man of Ace, Squeeze and Mike & The Mechanics, Paul Carrack is returning to the road this year and stopping at The Anvil tomorrow.

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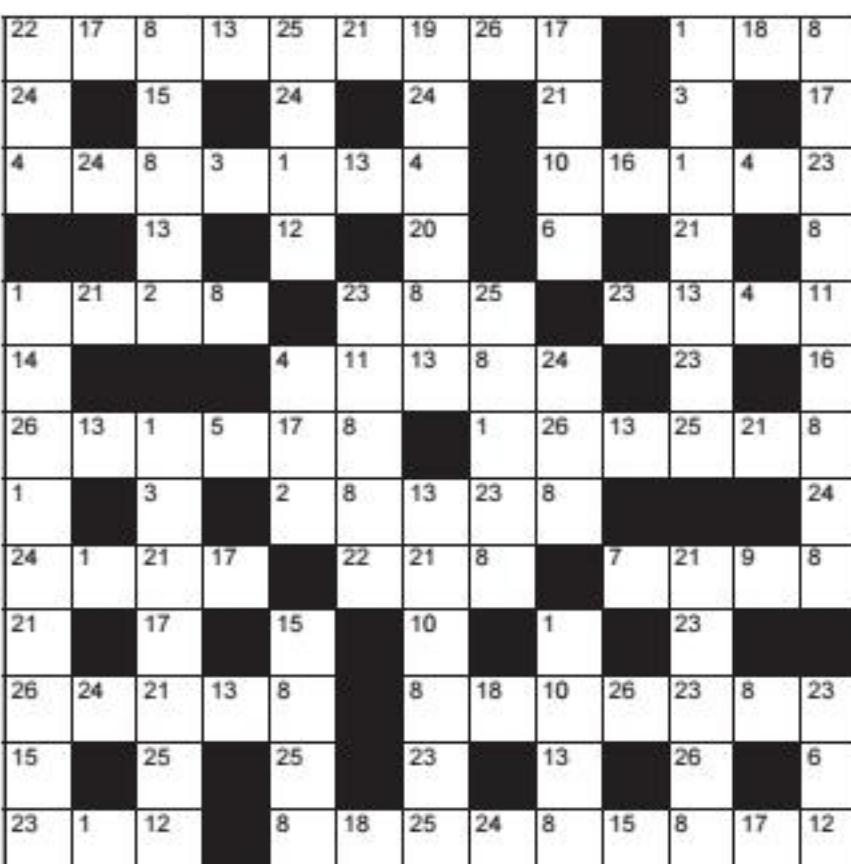
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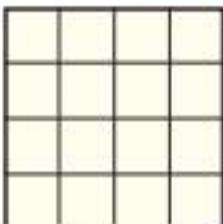
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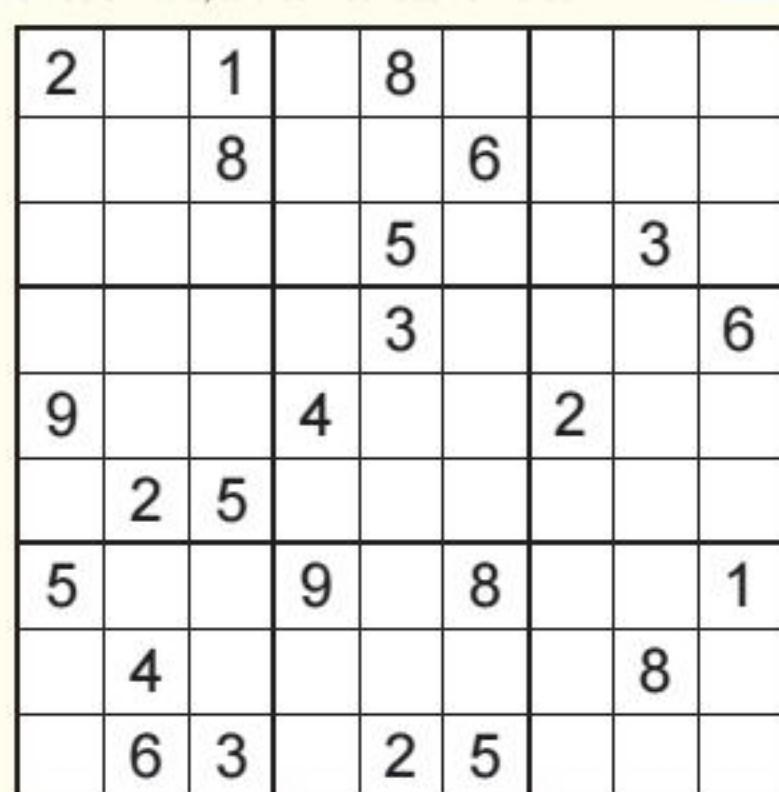
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Quiz Challenge

- Which female writer created the fictional character Jemima Shore?
- Which is the longest word in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
- The whole of the southern coastline of the Caspian Sea laps the shore of which country?
- Which actress, born in 1944, played a teacher in the film and stage version of Alan Bennett's *The History Boys*?
- What word familiar to electricians can also refer to a burden or responsibility, and may be used as an order to attack?
- What is the nationality of the former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan?
- What is the only number that when written in English contains all of its letters in alphabetical order?
- A restaurant named Noma, ranked the best in the world four times by Restaurant magazine, is in which capital city?
- Tom Holland's breakthrough role was Spider-Man in which 2016 film?
- Brad Pitt played a character named Tyler Durden in which 1999 film?

NONAGRAM

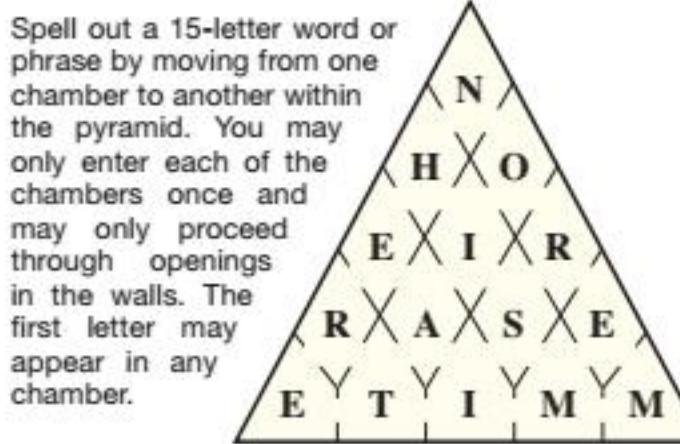


How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
29 Good; 35 Very Good;
41 Excellent.

Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID



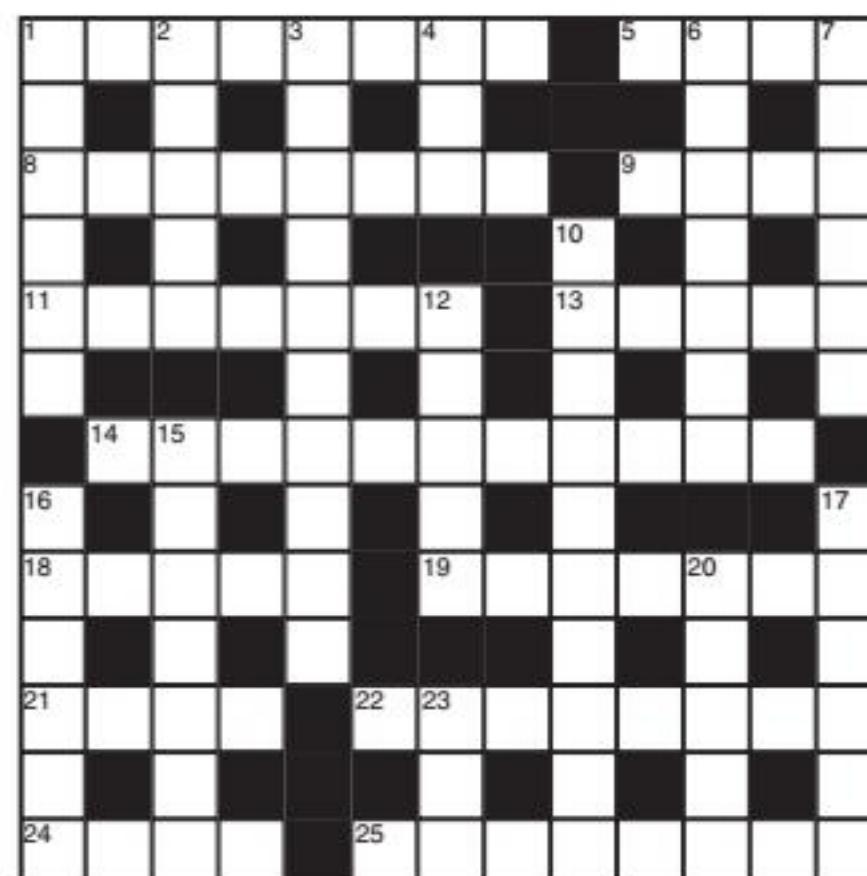
Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.

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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



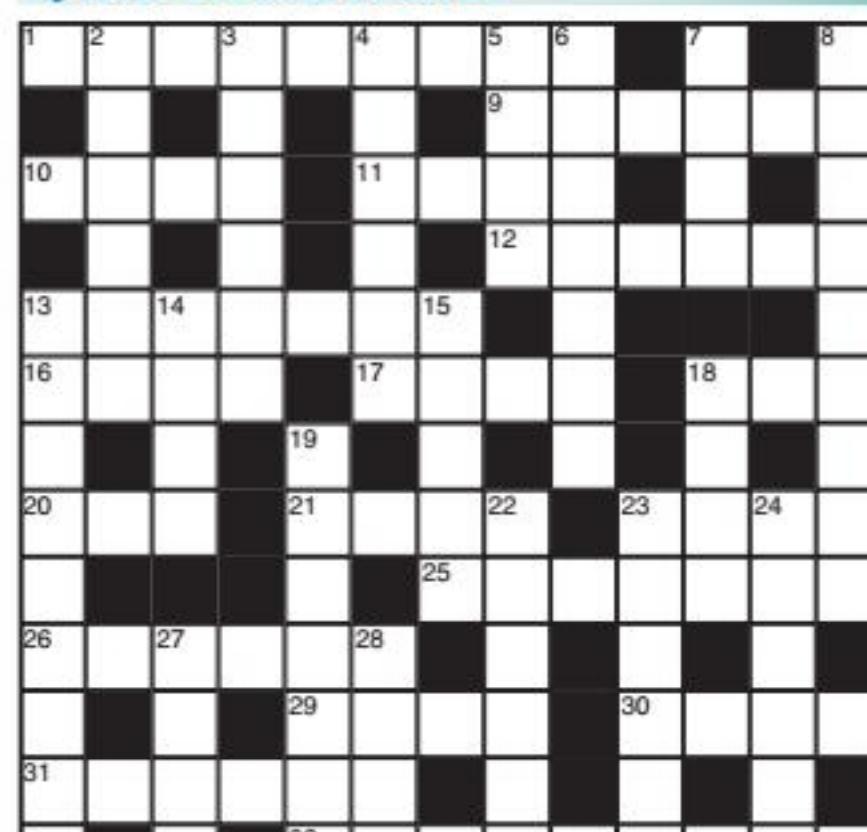
ACROSS

- Not a ruddy American pioneer! (8)
- Just passable (4)
- Lass gave freely at the gambling venue (3,5)
- Pins back a small piece (4)
- Calm achieved despite awful fluster (7)
- Girl well worth having on the way back (5)
- I'm realistic that it cannot be done (11)
- Article found in state waterway (5)
- Characteristic representative (7)
- Stern breed (4)
- One who is a skilled shot, an old German perhaps (8)
- Sole companion is a cad (4)
- Brilliant solicitor to set forth (5,3)

DOWN

- Miserable attempt to follow a friend (6)
- Coming in close second does not win (5)
- Does no one pay to see this fight? (4-3-3)
- Tea, not in China (3)
- Failure to remember a name is unfortunate (7)
- Make invalid ring again (6)
- Game you can barely play if you keep losing (5-5)
- It's held by solicitors to be permissible (5)
- Authority for chap given an assignation (7)
- Burn small capital or church (6)
- Pat and Len going round the earth perhaps (6)
- Engraving on a gem arrived with love (5)
- Scenes MPs make (3)

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Gear, kit (9)
- Bristol's river (4)
- Assess (4)
- Quality of sound (6)
- Equivalent (4)
- Young bird of prey (6)
- Cathedral city (7)
- Warmth (4)
- Perform again (4)
- Conifer (3)
- Shy, bashful (3)
- Scowl (4)
- Mexican dollar (4)
- Distended (7)
- III-will (6)
- Bristol's river (4)
- Assess (4)
- Quality of sound (6)
- Simple (4)
- Romulus's twin (5)
- Combustible material (4)
- Poster (7)
- African country (6)
- Not singular (6)
- Church officer (6)
- Shapeless mass (4)
- Always (4)

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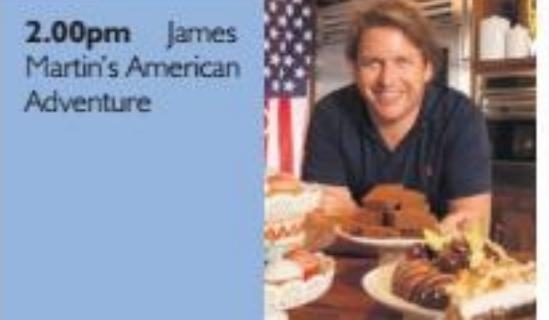
- 5.15pm** Pointless
9.15am Murder, Mystery and My Family
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under Revisited
11.45am Caught Red Handed

BBC 2



- 6.30pm** Great British Railway Journeys
7.15am Wanted Down Under Revisited
8.00am Earth's Natural Wonders
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

ITV



- 2.00pm** James Martin's American Adventure
8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

Channel 4



- 8.00pm** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

Channel 5



- 7.00pm** The Secret Life of Puppies
8.20am Digby Dragon
8.35am Rusty Rivets
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

- 12.10pm** 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm My Family's Secret
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

- 6.00pm** BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm MasterChef
9.00pm The Inside Story
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Question Time
11.45pm This Week
12.30am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.35am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast
- 6.00pm** Eggheads
6.30pm Great British Railway Journeys
7.00pm Athletics
9.00pm Civilisations
10.00pm Mock the Week
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Top Gear
12.20am Nigel Slater's Middle East: Lebanon
1.20am Royal Recipes
2.05am This is BBC Two
6.00am Caught Red Handed
6.30am Get Away for Winter
- 6.00pm** ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Pets
8.00pm Emmerdale
8.30pm The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
9.00pm Serial Killer with Piers Morgan
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm 100 Years Younger in 21 Days
11.45pm Lethal Weapon
12.30am Jackpot247
3.00am Pets
3.25am ITV Nightscreen
- 6.00pm** The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
9.00pm Married at First Sight
10.00pm The Job Interview
11.05pm Gogglebox
12.05am 24 Hours in Police Custody
1.05am The Great British Skinny Dip
1.55am One Born Every Minute
2.50am How to Get Fit Fast
3.45am Dispatches
4.15am Coast v Country
- 6.00pm** Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Secret Life of Puppies
8.00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
9.00pm Panic at 30,000 Feet: Airline Emergency
10.00pm Concorde
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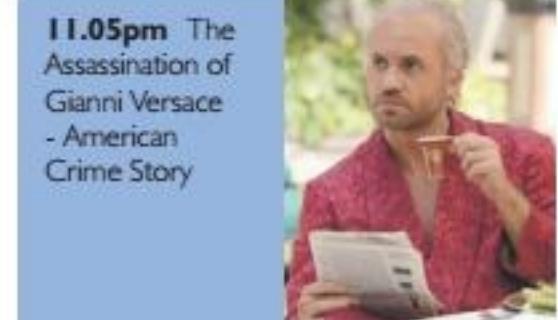
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EVENING

BBC 1

7.30pm
MasterChef

9.15am Murder, Mystery and My Family
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under Revisited
11.45am Caught Red Handed

BBC 2

11.05pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story

7.15am Wanted Down Under Revisited
8.00am Back in Time for Tea
9.00am Athletics

ITV

8.30pm
Coronation Street

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

Channel 4

9.00pm
Gogglebox

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
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3.15pm Brace for Impact
5.00pm 5 News at 5
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6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Inside Kensington Palace
8.00pm The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
9.00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
10.00pm Will and Grace
10.30pm Jo Brand: Secrets of Her Success
11.30pm Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens
12.15am Super Casino
3.10am The X Files
4.00am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Nick's Quest

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm Get Away for Winter
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

1.45pm Plan it, Build it
2.15pm Yes Chef
3.00pm A Place to Call Home
3.50pm More Creatures Great and Small
4.20pm Greece with Simon Reeve
5.20pm Great British Railway Journeys
5.50pm Athletics

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm James Martin's American Adventure
3.00pm Tenable
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm A Place in the Sun
4.00pm A New Life in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm MasterChef
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Room 101
9.00pm Requiem
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.25pm Regional News and Weather
10.35pm The Young Offenders
11.05pm Blades of Glory
12.30am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.35am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

10.00pm QI
10.30pm Newsnight
11.05pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
11.55pm A Hijacking
1.35am The Sheriffs are Coming
2.35am Julius Caesar Revealed
3.35am Royal Recipes
4.15am This is BBC Two
6.00am Nature's Weirdest Events
6.25am Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
6.55am The Pets Factor

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm Love Your Garden
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Lethal Weapon
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories
11.45pm Take Me Out
12.35am Jackpot247
3.00am Alphabetical
3.50am ITV Nightscreen

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
9.00pm Gogglebox
10.00pm The Last Leg
11.05pm Rude Tube
12.05am 30 Days of Night
2.10am Born to Kill
3.05am Damned
3.35am The Question Jury
4.30am Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
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8.20pm Casualty
10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Classic Mary Berry

BBC 2



3.30pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
7.15am The Dengineers
7.45am Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
8.15am Beyond Bionic
8.45am Robot Wars
9.45am Athletics

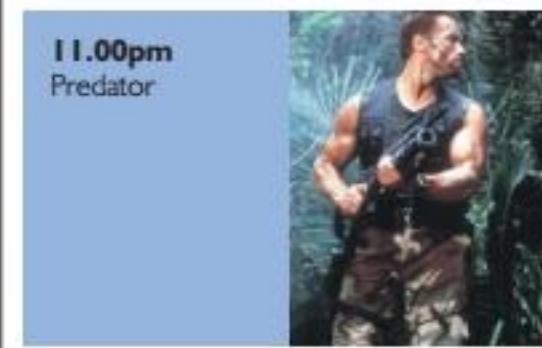
ITV



7.00pm Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway

9.05am Wishhart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.25am Dancing on Ice

Channel 4



11.00pm Predator
7.10am King of Queens
8.00am Everybody Loves Raymond
9.00am Frasier
10.30am The Big Bang Theory

Channel 5



7.00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
9.50am Peppa Pig
10.05am Olly the Little White Van
10.10am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.40am Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
11.10am Police Interceptors

12.10pm Police Interceptors
1.10pm Police Interceptors
2.10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
3.10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
4.05pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
5.00pm Rich House, Poor House

6.00pm The Secret Life of Kittens
7.00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
8.00pm The Queen Mary: Cruising with the Royals
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm Football on 5
10.00pm Live Boxing
11.30pm Football on 5
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am Cowboy Builders
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4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Nick's Quest
5.35am Wildlife SOS

Sunday March 4th

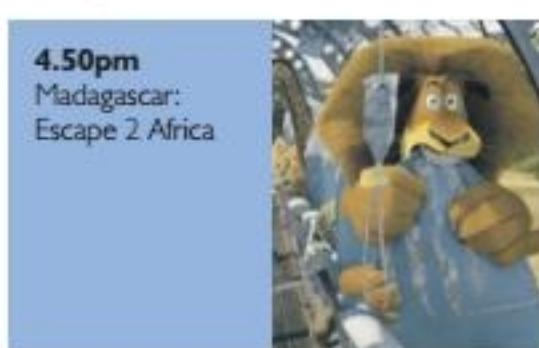
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MORNING

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EVENING

BBC 1



4.50pm Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
7.30am Match of the Day
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Sunday Politics

12.15pm Murder, Mystery and My Family
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm MasterChef
2.15pm MasterChef
3.15pm MasterChef
3.45pm Money for Nothing
4.15pm Songs of Praise
4.50pm Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

BBC 2



8.00pm Top Gear
8.30am Countryfile
9.30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.00am Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
11.45am Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook

ITV



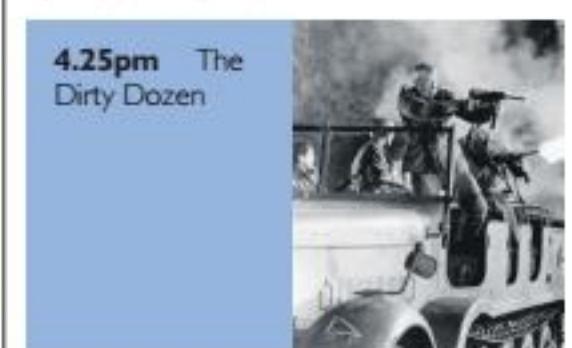
12.05am Marcella
8.30am Spy School
9.05am Wishhart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Love Your Garden
10.00am Peston on Sunday
11.00am The Voice UK

Channel 4



2.55pm Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.00am Frasier
8.30am Frasier
9.00am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

Channel 5



4.25pm The Dirty Dozen
9.00am Digby Dragon
9.15am Peppa Pig
9.25am Football on 5
10.15am Football on 5
10.45am FIA Formula E Highlights
11.50am Police Interceptors

12.50pm Wyatt Earp
4.25pm The Dirty Dozen
5.25pm 5 News
5.30pm The Dirty Dozen

6.05pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News and Weather
6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Hold the Sunset
8.00pm Call the Midwife
9.00pm Strike
10.00pm BBC News
10.20pm Regional News and Weather
10.30pm Match of the Day 2
11.30pm Reign of Fire
1.05am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.10am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

6.00pm Back in Time for Tea
7.00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
8.00pm Top Gear
9.00pm Life and Death Row
10.20pm The Mash Report
10.50pm Top Gear: Extra Gear
11.15pm Cleverman
12.10am Question Time
1.10am Holby City
2.10am This is BBC Two
6.00am Caught Red Handed
6.30am Get Away for Winter

6.00pm Dancing on Ice
8.00pm Endeavour
10.00pm ITV News
10.15pm Peston on Sunday
11.15pm The Martin Lewis Money Show
11.40pm 100 Year Old Driving School
12.05am Marcella
1.00am Jackpot247
3.00am Take on the Twisters
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

6.40pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Posh Pawn
8.00pm Churchill's Secret Affair
9.00pm Homeland
10.05pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
11.05pm Lee Mack
12.05am The Haunting
2.00am KOTV Boxing Weekly
2.30am The Supervet
3.25am Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
4.20am Coast v Country
5.10am Superfoods: The Real Story
5.40am Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free

7.20pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8.00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm When Award Shows Go Horribly Wrong
11.55pm Jo Brand: Secrets of Her Success
12.55am Cruising with Jane McDonald
1.05am Super Casino
3.10am Cowboy Builders
4.00am My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Nick's Quest
5.35am Wildlife SOS
6.00am Puffin Rock

Monday March 5th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

8.00pm
EastEnders

9.15am Murder, Mystery and My Family
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under Revisited
11.45am Caught Red Handed

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm Coast and Country Auctions
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Inside Out
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Classic Mary Berry
9.00pm MasterChef
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Imagine...
11.50pm Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You
12.35am Weather for the Week Ahead
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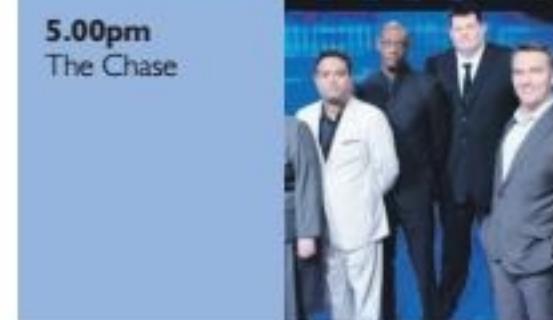
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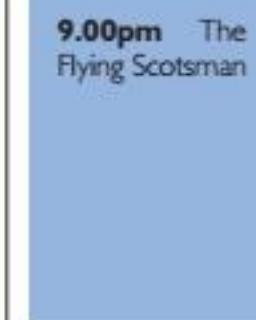
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9.00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody
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1.05am The Job Interview
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Channel 5

9.00pm
The Flying Scotsman

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9.00pm Wild Britain with Ray Mears
10.00pm Elizabeth: Our Queen
11.05pm The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
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4.00am Witches: A Century of Murder
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Nick's Quest

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private Investigators
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm Coast and Country Auctions
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm The Super League Show
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the 'real deal'. Clive John, captures the essence of Cash with exceptional style and confidence. His deep, distinctive vocals are spot on, evoking pure country magic with Walk the Line, Folsom Prison Blues and A Thing Called Love.

Charismatic duets are superb. Renditions of Don't You Think It's Come Our Time and Jackson, encapsulate the tender charm and uplifting humour shared by the late enigmatic pair. The music doesn't miss a beat as the set glides seamlessly along, evoking a timeless quality of a golden era with fresh contemporary flair.

Martin Bentley (bass) is in a league of his own and Nick Davis (guitars) and Darren Bazzoni (drums) first class.

Backing vocals by Louise Masters and Amanda Stone add sparkle and glamour as the Carter sisters, complimenting the line up with equally impressive versatility.

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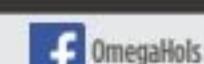
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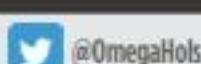
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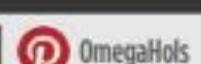
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- 6.00pm** BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Panorama
8.00pm DIY SOS the Big Build
9.00pm Earth's Natural Wonders
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10.45pm A Question of Sport
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11.45pm Memento
1.35am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.40am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast
- 6.00pm** Eggheads
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7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea
8.00pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes
9.00pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
9.50pm Live at the Apollo
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Nature's Weirdest Events
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Suzuki Ignis 1.2 SHVS SZ5

Ignis 4x4 – the right car at the right time

By Tony Yates

I'm going to start by saying 'why is it still snowing'. We are now into March, but it's still freezing. And, as I write, the snow is still falling faster than I can remove it from my footpath.

Of course, I have children, so the snow is a good thing for them because of the fun factor. For me though, I'm very happy sitting in the warm watching them play until I hear, 'dad, come and have a snowball fight'. That's when it all goes a bit fuzzy, because I know I will be the one getting pelted with snowballs just for fun! Saying that, this week's review of the Suzuki Ignis is right on target because it's a 4x4, meaning the snow can come down as hard as it likes and the Ignis will just keep plodding on.

So if it's snowing by you right now, then I suggest you nip down to your local Suzuki dealer and ask for a demo. Talk about being in the right car at the right time.

Power & efficiency

The Ignis is powered by a four-cylinder Dualjet petrol engine that

produces 90ps at 6000rpm and 120Nm at 4400rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 11.5 seconds – moving onto a top speed of around 103 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 60.1 mpg (combined) with a CO₂ rating of 106 g/km - although the best I could get was around 50mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible.

On the road

I like the way the little Ignis handles – but I do feel the suspension is a little bouncy – saying that, when the road gets twisty – it is more than capable of holding its own thanks to a good balance of chassis and suspension. When you think about it, it actually performs rather well and I was really impressed by this. Of course, this means it gives you a lot of confidence into the corners, which in turn makes it quite the drive. Also, when the road gets twisty – you have that wonderful Suzuki ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system keeping you formally in check. Yes, you heard that correctly, a 4-wheel drive system that does a very nice job indeed of keeping



you glued to the tarmac with no muddy fields involved whatsoever.

Design & technology

My test car was fitted with decent seating and clever interior accents,

which lifts even the most boring of interiors – not that the inside is boring, but you do sense that the Ignis was set out to be more practical than luxurious. Saying that it's quite plush and all the dials and controls are easy to use. But, and it's a small one, some of the plastics on the

inside could have been better quality.

Space – well let's just say for a small car it has bags of it – along with a decent driving position and plenty of room in the back for most adults to sit in reasonable comfort. The boot is also pretty good, with max luggage capacity coming in around 1,086 litres.

Some of the standard features fitted to my test vehicle included; LED daytime running lights, LED projector headlamps, ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system, DAB digital radio with 4 speakers, USB, Bluetooth and iPod, driver and passenger front, side and curtain airbags, ABS with EBD, Electronic Stability Program, Hill Hold Control and Hill Descent, automatic headlights, automatic air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, cruise control with speed limiter and rear parking camera.

To sum up

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Bison charge to two point lead

By Owen Hughes

AS the race to be crowned NIHL South 1 champions hots up, Basingstoke Bison kept their cool on the ice with back-to-back victories during a double weekender.

Comprehensive wins over Swindon Wildcats and Bracknell Bees move the Herd two points clear of Peterborough Phantoms on 52 points at the league's summit.

Basingstoke Arena was packed out for the arrival of title outsiders Swindon Wildcats on Saturday, but the Wiltshire side left with their tails between their legs after a 4-0 thumping.

After an intense first period finished scoreless, it was Bison who looked the most likely to break the deadlock in the second period.

Bison were given their first power-play with a holding penalty at 22.55 and it took just five seconds to convert the advantage, with Aaron Connolly bringing the stadium to their feet.

Ryan Sutton doubled the lead before Dan Davies put the Hampshire side

3-0 up and Grant Rounding completed the shut-out in the final period.

Bracknell Bees put up a sterner contest on Sunday but Davies soon overturned Josh Martin's opener before Kurt Reynolds ensured the first period would go to the visitors.

Davies, Tomas Karpov, Stuart Mogg and a Connolly hattrick were enough to give Bison an 8-4 victory in Berkshire.

Bison head coach Doug Sheppard said: "We played a very solid game on Saturday, spurred on by a great atmosphere in the rink."

"I thought it was a great four point weekend, Saturday was one of our best games and Bracknell is never an easy place to go and get a win but we came away with the points and sets us up for a great league game on Sunday at Peterborough."

Bison will hope their superb form carries across to Friday's opening leg of the 2017/18 Autumn Cup Final against Swindon Wildcats.

Sheppard added: "We've enjoyed some close battles with them this year



Dan Davies put the puck in the back of the net in both games during a double weekender for Bison
Picture: grantking photography.com

so far this season and it'll make for an exciting cup final."

The home leg takes place at 7.45pm,

with the return leg in Swindon on Friday March 9 where the champions will be crowned.

No comeback for Hartley after early goals seal fate

HARTLEY Wintney were given a reality check after being well beaten in a 3-1 loss at Chalfont St Peter on Saturday.

The Row leaked two early goals as the men in orange were horribly out-classed against their fellow play-off chasing opposition.

A fine Jake Cass (8 minutes) volley and an Alan Hedley (23) strike gave the

Saints a 2-0 lead but the home side were wasteful in front of goal and should have scored more.

Tyrone Smith pulled a goal back for Hartley on the half hour but a well-struck Ryan Haugh effort from distance on 72 minutes made it 3-1 and, from there, there was no comeback for Hartley.

The defeat was lessened for Hartley, who had taken 27 points from the previous 30, as all top four teams lost.

Defeat also brought an end to an impressive seven match-winning streak for Daniel Brownlie and Anthony Millerick's side.

The Row's home game against Thame United on Tuesday night was

postponed due to the freezing conditions. The club will confirm the rearranged fixture in due course.

Hartley remain third, four points off the automatic places with a game in hand on second-placed Beaconsfield Town.

They host Aylesbury (18th) on Saturday.

So chuffed to ski solid runs and be part of Olympic history

BASINGSTOKE elite skier Laurie Taylor made history at the Winter Olympics on Saturday when taking part in his second event of the competition.

The 22-year-old athlete was a member of Team GB in their first ever alpine team event racing head-to-head on the shortened parallel slalom course.

Great Britain stunned audiences worldwide to tie the first round 2-2 as Alex Tilley and Dave Ryding secured wins.

Eventual bronze medallists Norway progressed in Team GB's place due to a combined timing rule, making it down the slopes 0.21 seconds quicker overall.

The result followed good news for Laurie, who finished 26th on his Olympics debut.

Laurie finished one place higher than GB's top ranked skier Ryding managed in his first Olympic slalom event in 2010.

Laurie said: "Watching Dave push the top guys in the world has been great to watch and I look up to him, I want to try and copy what he does.

"I'm so happy to have made it through to the finish line. It was a fight to get down but I'm really happy.

"It was super fun, the first time getting a clean course at one of these events and to finish top 30. That's where I was hoping for. I didn't know I could get it so I'm so chuffed."



Laurie Taylor finished 26th overall after making his Winter Olympics debut racing down the slalom with a time of 1:43:41

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Sports Shorts

In need of a win

FOOTBALL: Stuttering Tadley Calleva extended their winless run to four games as they lost 2-0 at home to fellow promotion hopefuls AFC Stoneham on Saturday.

Tadley have now lost three of their last four games against other high-flyers, the other match being a draw against lowly Verwood Town.

William Harris got both Stoneham goals on Saturday as the Eastleigh side moved up to third, four points ahead of Tadley, to occupy the final promotion place.

The Taddlers have to wait until the weekend to bounce back after their home fixture against Folland Sports on Tuesday was postponed.

Whitchurch United did not have a game at the weekend but were due to host Downton last night (Wednesday).

Tadley then host the same opposition on Saturday before travelling to United Services Portsmouth on Tuesday.

Whitchurch pay a visit to East Cowes Victoria on Saturday.

Buffs extinguished

ICE HOCKEY: Following the highs of winning their first match in 11 games last time out, Basingstoke Buffalo felt that all-too-familiar losing feeling again on Saturday.

The Buffs lost 6-3 at out-of-form Cardiff Fire in another underwhelming performance.

They were 5-0 down before Oscar Evans scored in the 46th minute.

Matthew Levy (52 minutes) and Gregory Martyn (59:03) sparked a mini revival, but it was too little too late for the development side.

Basingstoke (11th) host sixth-placed Guildford on Saturday.

Rose in Mexico

GOLF: Justin Rose will tee off at the World Golf Championships in Mexico today hoping to make it six successive top-10 finishes on the PGA Tour.

Reigning champion Dustin Johnson won last year on 14-under par.

Rose's two outings so far this calendar year ended in a tied-eighth finish at the Farmers Insurance Open and a 22nd-placed finish in Abu Dhabi on the European Tour.

He will tee off today on the 1st hole at 12.51pm local time, 6.51pm GMT.

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Inside: Bison charge to two point lead | Skier chuffed to be part of Olympic history | Hartley suffer after conceding early goals

Early strike helps to maintain good home form for Dragons

By Owen Hughes

A FIRST Basingstoke Town goal for Guri Demuria was enough for the Dragons to continue their fine home form with a 1-0 win over Hitchin Town.

The centre back's volleyed goal with the outside of his foot on four minutes maintained Town's remarkable form at the Camrose.

The mid-table side have now won 11, drawn two and lost two of their 15 games in their own back yard this season.

Town were out of the blocks quickly, took the lead and made much of the early running.

A Jack McKnight header forced the visiting keeper Michael Johnson into a save and striker Sam Argent had a penalty appeal turned away.

Ben Wright, who scored from a set piece last time out, had another go from just outside the area on 26 minutes, managing to get the ball over the wall and forcing Johnson into an excellent save.

There were few clear-cut chances after that and confidence-stricken Hitchin, who are now only a place and a point above 'Stoke in the table, improved in the second period.

Colm McAdden in the Town goal had to be alert to produce a fine save from Hitchin's Robbie Burns as the clock ticked beyond the hour mark.



Guri Demuria in action for Oxford City scored his first goal for Stoke on Saturday

The Canaries dominated the latter stages of the game as Basingstoke were content to sit back and protect their lead, rarely venturing forward.

Hitchin were clearly low on confidence and lacked penetration as a result.

Substitute Trey Charles had a close range shot smothered by McAdden and Dan Webb fired over the bar for the away side – but the equaliser proved elusive and they were made to pay for the early goal.

Town remain just in the bottom half of the Evo-Stik Southern Premier division in 13th place.

They face their longest trip of the season to second-placed King's Lynn on Saturday before a run of four home



Captain Aaron Connolly in action for Basingstoke Bison
Picture: grantking photography.com

Captain Fantastic nets sports award

Basingstoke Bison's Aaron 'captain fantastic' Connolly was voted Sport Personality of 2017 at Friday's Basingstoke and Deane Sports Awards. The 24-year-old ice hockey star from

Northfleet, Kent, has been in superb form for the current NIHL South 1 table toppers.

Connolly was handed the prestigious award during a night of celebration for

sports teams and athletes at the Apollo Hotel.
Bison Junior's Carol Chandler was also one of the evening's winners collecting a Service to Sport award.

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